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Fahd urges scrutiny of cost of projects

RIYADH, Jan. 8 (SPA)—Crown Prince Fahd Monday urged the Council of Ministers to tighten control on the cost of government projects "so that they may be carried out without overpricing and exploitation."

Prince Fahd made the statement at a cabinet meeting chaired by him.

Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Prince Fahd stressed the importance of "encouraging Saudi contractors and industrial

lists by giving them precedence over others in the execution of government projects according to their capabilities as laid down by the project specifications."

"We should encourage and support every Saudi contractor," Prince Fahd was quoted as saying. "In doing so we are also supporting our national economy." He said that government agencies should follow up the work of consultant companies "so that they may present realistic specifications without extravagance."

Prince Fahd said that while the government was anxious to carry out projects quickly particularly those related to development, "it is our duty to see to it that costs are realistic and conform with prevailing international prices, and no more."

In a report submitted by

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But the Vietnamese official radio did not carry any insurmountable claim of total victory. Its most recent broadcast said the rebels have captured many cities and vast rural areas—but stopped short of declaring that all of Cambodia was under the control of anti-government forces.

SPK, constantly quoted by Hanoi Radio, said fighting was still going on in some areas.

There was no definite word on the whereabouts of Premier Pol Pot and other leaders of the government which took power in 1975.

Thai officials said they believed the Cambodian leader was still in his embattled country, apparently holding out amid guerrilla warfare on the west bank of the Mekong River.

Meanwhile, former Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk Monday bitterly attacked Vietnam for invading his country, but at the same time made it plain he had little sympathy for the government.

The prince, who said he had been a virtual prisoner in Phnom Penh since stepping down as head of state three years ago, declared that he would continue to support the Cambodian government of Pol Pot as a symbol of independence and resistance to Vietnam.

"Revolutionary power now belongs to the Cambodian people," the statement said. "In keeping with the aspirations of the Cambodian people the Cambodian Revolutionary People's Council has been formed to manage home and foreign affairs."

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50 believed killed in tanker explosion

BANTRY, Ireland, Jan. 8 (Agencies)—An oil tanker exploded like a bomb as it unloaded a cargo of Arabian crude in Ireland's Bantay Bay early Monday and 50 people were missing and presumed dead.

They were swallowed by a huge fireball or thrown into icy water.

"It was like looking into the flames of hell," a fireman said.

The tanker was the French-registered Betelgeuse, of 62,776 tons.

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So were seven Irish workers who were on an offshore jetty alongside when two blasts ripped the ship apart, and two representatives of the tanker's French owners.

An English surveyor aboard the ship also died.

Flame leapt nearly 1,000 feet into the air. Liquid fire spilled across the water. A red glow was seen in the night sky from as far away as Cork, 110 kms. distant.

Within minutes of the 1 a.m. (0100 GMT) explosion, the brokenbacked Betelgeuse settled into the sea, its fiery bow and stern jutting grotesquely sky-

ward.

So intense was the fire that it burned on in the sunken midships.

"The poor devils who were caught did not stand a chance," fire officer William O'Brien said.

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"It was like the Towering Inferno. And there was fear, even amongst us."

The doomed Betelgeuse had discharged about two thirds of its cargo of 120,000 tons of Saudi crude when it blew up.

Chamoun says Syrians must pull out for peace

BEIRUT, Jan. 8 (Agencies)—Former President Camille Chamoun the 78-year-old rightist leader, Monday bitterly denounced the presence of Syrian forces in Lebanon and said peace can only be restored by their withdrawal.

"Let them leave the country," Chamoun said, "and that will be the only means of keeping some feeling of friendship between the Lebanese and Syrian peoples."

"There will be peace in Lebanon if they withdraw because all the troubles we have seen have been created by Syrian policy," he claimed.

Chamoun spoke in an interview at his office in the Ashrafieh section of east Beirut.

Chamoun dismissed recent statements in the Syrian media that Damascus wants to withdraw its estimated 30,000 troops from the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon to concentrate them on the Israel border.

Meanwhile a government

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He claimed that Syria's goal

Riots, arson threaten hold of new Iranian government

TEHRAN, Jan. 8 (Agencies)—Anti-Shah rioters rampaged through the city of Tabriz in northwest of Iran Monday, setting fire to cinemas, banks, shops and houses, witnesses said.

As reports came in of large-scale arson, the two-day old government of Shahpour Bakhtiar was confronted with a major political problem when a senior minister threatened to resign. Western diplomats

and other ministers were trying to persuade him to stay on.

Reporting the violence in Tabriz, Radio Iran said six of the city's eight cinemas were set ablaze, along with dozens of houses, shops, banks and factories. The witnesses said troops stood by as rioters swept through the streets.

There was no official confirmation of Gen. Jam's resignation. A former army chief, he flew back from his London home over the weekend and had held talks with the Shah and Bakhtiar, diplomatic sources said.

It was not clear whether the 65-year-old general, who accepted the cabinet job while still in London, had even taken up the post.

His name was announced as war minister on Saturday, but he was absent when Bakhtiar presented his cabinet to the Shah that day—apparently because he had not yet arrived from Britain.

Gen. Jam, a retired military man widely respected by army officers and troops, was widely considered a key appointment in the new civilian cabinet.

Officials abandoned hope of finding any of the lost men alive.

Eye witness reports from Tabriz said the demonstrators who set fire to numerous buildings in the city's main streets generally had a free hand, and troops did not intervene.

The arson was the most serious trouble reported during mostly peaceful demonstrations in scores of towns and cities.

The day of mourning closed down the country, which was already paralyzed by months of anti-Shah protests and strikes.

In the southern city of Yazd, the security forces beat off an attack by demonstrators on the headquarters of the Savak secret police. Three of the attackers were killed.

In another clash in Mobarakeh Town, near Isfahan, one person was killed and six injured when demonstrators and security forces clashed, the radio said.

And in Rey, south of Tehran, opposition sources said three people were killed and eight wounded in shooting by soldiers.

Heavy shooting, mostly in

the air, flared in several parts



MOURNING: Hundreds have their fists raised as a body is carried to burial at Behbahan, Tabriz, Iran's main cemetery, on Monday, the day which French exiled Ayatollah Khomeini declared a day of mourning. Funeral procession carries a picture of him. (Wirephoto)

of Tehran but no further casualties were reported.

Meanwhile, the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) said Monday that production was still only running at around 260,000 barrels a day—less than a third of the country's internal needs—despite a promise by strikers to raise output to the level of

domestic consumption.

Iran is normally the world's second biggest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia, but oil exports have been halted since Dec. 27 because of anti-Shah strikes on the oilfields. Iran can produce a maximum of 6.5 million barrels a day, of which some 5.5 million is normally exported.

The prolonged closure of Iran's oil refineries has left

the country critically short of gasoline, diesel fuel and the kerosene used to heat most Iranian homes. The government has imposed rationing and small quantities of refined product are being imported.

Industry sources said Monday that Iran would continue to be short of oil because the response to efforts aimed at

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Egypt reported softening stand on points of dispute with Israel

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (R)—Egypt has softened its stand on the key points of dispute with Israel over a peace treaty but still insists on a timetable for Palestinian self-rule, a foreign ministry source said Monday.

He said the Egyptian views on how the deadlocked peace talks could be resumed were contained in a letter sent by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil to U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington over the weekend.

Egypt, which has demonstrated flexibility in the past, has offered new flexible ideas on how to resume the negotiations with Israel, the official source said. He said Egypt left it to the U.S. to decide at what level the talks should be resumed—technical or ministerial.

Egypt was prepared to resume the talks anytime and anywhere, he added.

But he said Egypt had not changed its position on the need for any treaty to be tied to a timetable for elections on the West Bank and Gaza.

Egypt would accept the implementation of self-rule in Gaza first, the source said.

Egypt has frequently suggested that self-rule in Gaza—which was under its administration from 1948 until its occupation by Israel in 1967—should be a first step to persuade West Bank Palestinians to cooperate with the autonomy plan.

Israel has so far refused to link the treaty to any specific timetable for the Palestinians. Egypt argues that a specific timetable would guarantee a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East conflict.

The absence of such a timetable would make the peace treaty a separate agreement and as such unacceptable to Egypt, the foreign ministry source said.

Meanwhile, a government

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To replace treaties

Kingdom to study Gulf agreement on trade

RIYADH, Jan. 8 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is conducting studies for the replacement of all bilateral trade agreements between Gulf countries by a collective agreement on trade, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim told the Second Conference of Gulf Commerce Ministers here Monday.

In an opening address to the ministers at the King Faisal Conference Hall, Dr. Solaim said that the study will be completed in time for the next conference. In the meantime, the Kingdom will hold contacts with other Gulf countries on the collective treaty.

The treaty is expected to be the first step toward the creation of a common Gulf market. Concrete proposals toward a common market were expected to be discussed in working papers to be presented by the individual ministers.

The two-day conference is being attended by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman.

Dr. Solaim said after the first day's session that the minister had discussed (individual) experience in trade financing and regulation, and had approved recommendations proposed by a committee of experts that met here Saturday and Sunday.

The keynote of the first day's session, Dr. Solaim said, was coordination in trade policy.

Landlord sets pious conditions

JEDDAH, Jan. 8 — A landlord in Mecca reduced his tenants' rents from SR30,000 to SR7,000 this week, on condition that the tenants:

- do not smoke,
- do not watch television
- and pray together on time, "Okaz" reported Monday.

SAMA bank balances

JEDDAH, Jan. 9 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) has released the consolidated balance sheet of Saudi commercial banks at the end of Ramadan 1398 or, Nov. 2, 1978.

ASSETS		(In million of SR)
1) Cash in hand and deposits with SAMA	18,063	
2) Balances due from banks outside	9,412	
3) Balances due from banks in Saudi Arabia	926	
4) Loans, advances and discounts	13,067	
5) Investments	884	
6) Other assets	12,723	
7) Contra accounts	38,675	
	TOTAL	93,760

LIABILITIES		
1) Capital & Reserves	1,630	
2) Balances due to banks abroad	3,870	
3) Balances due to banks in Saudi Arabia	—	
4) Demand, time and savings deposits	33,174	
5) Other deposits	5,942	
6) Other liabilities	10,469	
7) Contra accounts	38,675	
	TOTAL	93,760



OPENING Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim addressing the opening session of the Second Gulf Commerce Ministers Conference in Riyadh Monday.

Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel in honor of the participating delegations.

Among those present were Sheikh Mohammad Abu Al-Khalil, minister of finance and national economy, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, minister of plan-

ning, Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Al-Khuwair, minister of education, Dr. Muhammad Abd Yani, minister of information and a number of high officials.

Others attending the deliberations include Abdul Mohsin Zalzalah, Arab League assis-

IDB head due in Amman

Kingdom to part-finance Egypt mosques

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday granted \$90,000 to different religious institutions in Egypt for the construction of mosques in the Behira Governorate.

The checks were handed Monday to the beneficiaries by Saudi Ambassador to Egypt Sheikh Abdul Rahman Abu Al-Khalil.

In Sanaa, it was announced Monday that the preparatory

committee for the Saudi-Yemeni Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation will meet next week. The commission is responsible for channelling Saudi aid for development projects in North Yemen.

The committee will prepare a working paper for the commission's forthcoming meeting in Riyadh. It will comprise representatives from the ministries concerned on both sides.

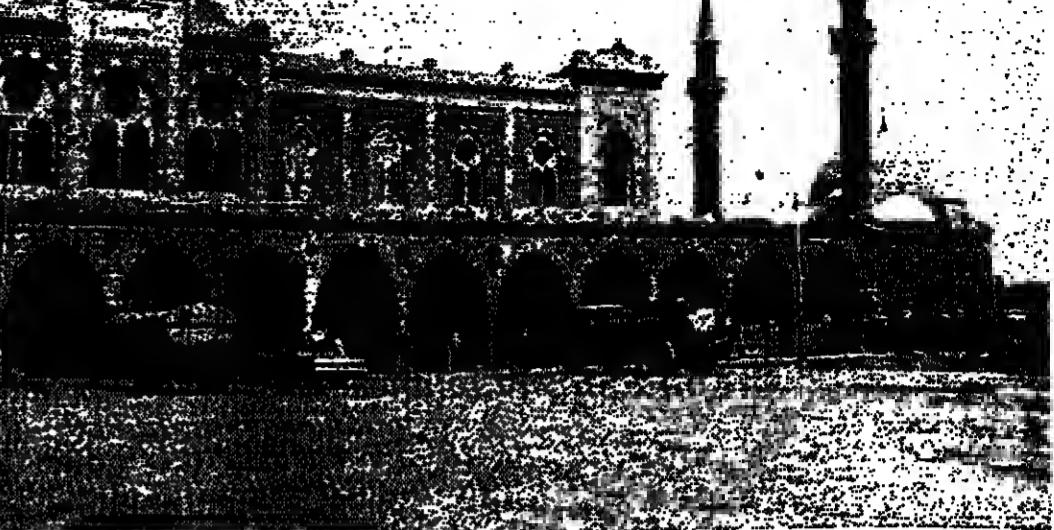
The Saudi delegation will be led by Ismail Al-Shoura, assistant director of administration for the Peninsula at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while the Yemeni side will be led by Ibrahim Al-Kabbi, foreign ministry undersecretary.

In Jeddah, a mission from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) led by its president, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, left for Amman Monday morning on a short visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the delega-

tion will sign two agreements. The first will commit the bank to a contribution of \$12 million to the Arab Potash Project in south Jordan. According to the second agreement, the bank will contribute \$5 million to the Arab Phosphate Fertilizers Company.

The mission will also discuss other projects with officials from the Jordanian ministries of finance and endowments, the central bank and the planning council.



TERMINUS: The Turkish-built railway station in Medina, the terminus of the original pilgrim line.

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Hejaz railway study awarded

By Farouk Logman

JEDDAH, Jan. 8 — A feasibility study for the recommissioning of the entire

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Damascus denies reports of unrest

DAMASCUS, Jan. 8 (UPI) — Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskandar Ahmed has denied Beirut press reports of internal unrest in Syria, it was reported Monday.

The minister told a news conference Sunday that the reports were "rumors by hostile media" and a "nervous reaction to the unionist steps being taken daily by Syria and Iraq." The comments were published in newspapers Monday.

Right-wing newspapers in Beirut alleged last week that the government of President Hafez Assad had foiled a coup.

The pro-Phalangist Beirut daily "Al Ama" had reported that Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmat Chehabi was among the plotters. But the Syrian news agency said that Chehabi returned Sunday from an official visit to Iraq for that country's Army Day festivities—an indication that there had been no change in Chehabi's duties.

Iskandar Ahmed denounced "those who deal with the Zionist enemy in Lebanon"—a clear reference to Lebanon's right-wing—for putting out the reports.

Head of Israeli navy escapes assault rap

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (AP) — A military court Monday found the commander of Israel's navy, Maj. Gen. Michael Barkai, innocent of an attempted assault charge but the judges said they believed the complaint brought by a female non-commissioned officer.

Barkai, 41, had been suspended from his navy command since the charge against him was announced in November. Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan now will decide whether Barkai can take up his post again, military officials said.

"We believe the plaintiff's complaint," the three judges said in their decision, "but we

are prevented from convicting the defendant by a lack of corroboration. Because of this, we have decided to find the defendant innocent of the three charges brought against him."

The charges were attempted assault, making threats, and conduct unbecoming an officer. The attempted assault charge was not revealed until the verdict was announced, though it had been widely rumored in Israel from the time the officer was suspended. The trial was closed to the public.

The incident which brought the charges happened a year and a half ago, before Barkai was promoted to the navy command. The identity of the woman soldier was not released.

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Spanish minister pledges support for Egypt's cause

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The foreign ministers of Egypt and Spain met Sunday and later issued a statement pledging to work for Middle East peace and strengthen their ties.

Egypt's Butros Ghali conferred for two hours with Spain's Marcelino Oreja, who stopped over in Cairo on his way to Sudan. He left for Khartoum Monday.

A joint statement said Ghali explained to the Spanish Egypt's "sincere efforts to establish a just, overall and durable peace in the Middle East, in a manner that would realize the legitimate rights of the Palestinians in accordance with a timetable."

Oreja said his government will not establish diplomatic relations with Israel "unless a just and overall peace is realized in the Middle East."

Spain's position, he said, is clear and calls for Israel's complete withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and the restoration of the rights of the Palestinians.

The Spanish government is intent on promoting its relations with Egypt as well as with other Arab and African countries, he said.

The two ministers also discussed the situation in the Mediterranean, Africa, the creation of a new world economic system and expressed their full support for efforts to ensure human rights, the agency added.

The two ministers expressed satisfaction with the friendly relations between their coun-



TANKS AND TROOPS: In recent Iranian violence in the capital the army displayed its strength by parading a tank through the streets. Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, predicts shock waves from Iran may disturb the region as a whole.

Warns Soviets

Kissinger sees Iranian ripples

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said Monday in an interview with "Time" magazine the situation in Iran "is bound to affect even countries like Egypt and Morocco on the Muslim side as well as Israel." It could "encourage radical states independent of whether the Soviet Union actively eggs them on," he said.

Kissinger called for a "global strategy" by the United States, Europe and Japan to meet the danger of "the progressive collapse of pro-Western governments in the developing world."

Urging "a firm, purposeful and consistent American policy" that gives notice to the Soviet Union that "detente means a restrained international conduct," Kissinger said that the United States, Europe and Japan should "attempt, at least, a common analysis of what is occurring, the more this process is likely to accelerate. It will seem self-started, in effect, spontaneous."

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He said the investigation was continuing.

Alleges commando attacks

Israel arrests 35 Palestinians

TEL AVIV, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The military command said Monday it arrested 35 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank who are accused of membership in commando cells which were responsible for four attacks in the occupied area.

The military said two of the cells belong to the PLO move-

ment and "carried out four attacks in Israel and the (West Bank) including a bomb in the Kalkilya Market on Dec. 23, 1978 in which one local resident was wounded."

Kalkilya is a village in the occupied West Bank.

"Two other cells were broken

before they could carry out the

planned attacks," an official said.

The official said that one of the 35 arrested turned over a revolver to his interrogators which he said "was to be used to murder local Arab residents that were suspected in their eyes of cooperation with Israel."

He said the investigation was continuing.

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5 Halala

Made of cupro-nickel, round with milled edge and a diameter of 19.5mm.

Obverse

On the above part appears the name of His Majesty the King "Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud" and in the lower part "King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia". The Saudi national emblem (two crossed swords and the palm tree) is located in the centre of the coin.

Reverse

The nominal value of the coin in words appears on the above part; in the centre appear the words "Quersh Wahed" in Arabic and below it the year of minting, 1397; on the two sides of the coin appear the value of the coin in numbers, both in Arabic and English.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency hereby notifies the public that the 10 Halala and 5 Halala metal coins currently in circulation will continue in circulation side by side with the new metal coins of the same denomination.

10 Halala

Reports vague on Afghan rebellion

NEW DELHI, Jan. 8 (AP) —

Asian and Western sources reported Monday that anti-government attacks are continuing in Afghanistan but it is too early to gauge the strength of resistance against the leftist regime in Kabul.

"I would not say there have been any clashes that pose a threat to the new regime," said one Western diplomat.

An Afghan dissident here said that a movement to "liberate" Afghanistan from its pro-Soviet leaders, who seized power in a bloody coup last April, has been launched from neighboring Pakistan and a manifesto has been issued.

Pakistan Embassy spokesman A.B. Azim declined comment on the claim but stressed that the Islamabad government was taking a hands-off policy.

Reports from Afghanistan say opponents to the Kabul regime, mainly Pashtu-speaking tribesmen, have carried out a traditional form of guerrilla warfare in the eastern provinces bordering Pakistan since the leftist takeover April 27.

The more the United States looks out of control of events," he added, "the more it appears as if our friends are going down without effective American understanding of what is occurring, the more this process is likely to accelerate. It will seem self-started, in effect, spontaneous."

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Asnag arrives for Kuwait visit

KUWAIT, Jan. 8 (UPI) — North Yemen's Foreign Minister Abdallah Al Asnag arrived here Monday on a short visit. He is carrying a message from the North Yemeni President Ali Abdallah Saleh to the Kuwaiti Emir Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Australia denies Israeli arms deal

KUWAIT, Jan. 8 (AP) — The Australian embassy here Monday denied a report published by a Kuwaiti newspaper, that Australia was developing closer military ties with Israel. An embassy statement said the report published by the daily "Al Qabas" was "utterly baseless."

Butto's 'victims' display scars

KARACHI, Jan. 8 (AP) — Three persons allegedly tortured by the federal security force of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto appeared on Pakistan television Sunday night and showed marks of injuries they said were inflicted during their detention without trial. Abdul Satar, 65, said he was made to stand under the sun for an hour handcuffed and chained by the feet after he was taken away from his house on April 1, 1976, in Lahore to confess that he supplied arms to political opponents of Bhutto. He said he was a grocer and had nothing to do with arms or manufacture of arms.

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Public Notice from Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency on the Issue of new Coins of 10 Halala and 5 Halala Denomination.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency announces that the new metal coins of 10 Halala and 5 Halala denomination will be put into circulation with effect from Saturday 15th Safar 1399 (13.1.1979) in accordance with Royal Decree No 6, dated 1.7.1379. This issue is fully covered by gold and foreign exchange and will circulate side by side with the metal coins of the same denomination currently in circulation. It has been arranged that the new metal coins will be issued simultaneously from all branches of SAMA.

The main features of the two denominations are described below:

10 Halala

Made of cupro-nickel, round with milled edge and a diameter of 21mm:

Obverse

On the above part appears the name of His Majesty the King "Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud" and in the lower part, "King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia". The Saudi national emblem (two crossed swords and the palm tree) is located in the centre of the coin.

Reverse

The nominal value of the coin in words appears on the above part, in the centre appear the words "Quersh Wahed" in Arabic and below it the year of minting, 1397; on the two sides of the coin appear the value of the coin in numbers, both in Arabic and English.

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Reverse

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Carter given high marks by colleagues in Europe

SAINTE-FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe, Jan. 8 (R) — President Jimmy Carter emerged with flying colors from the summit on this French Caribbean island, diplomatic sources believe.

That assessment was made Sunday by officials who accompanied French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, British Prime Minister James Callaghan and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt at the talks.

Statements by the European leaders at the close of the summit Saturday left the clear impression that they were highly satisfied with Carter.

Reports that policy differences with Carter might cloud the talks were dispelled as strong expressions of support

for his policies toward the Soviet Union, China and strategic problems involving NATO.

U.S. officials said that, in addition, the president's relationship with Chancellor Schmidt, which warmed up slowly after their first cool meetings in 1977, was now very cordial and fruitful.

Carter was especially impressed by Schmidt's assessment of the situation in Turkey, a key NATO ally undergoing severe economic difficulties, they said.

The summit discussed possible ways to increase economic aid to Turkey, but no final decisions were made.

The European leaders were impressed by Carter's grasp of the complex issues in negotiations with the Soviet Union for a new strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT), the sources said.

A major achievement of the summit was the backing of the West European leaders for Carter's policy of improving relations with China without antagonizing the Soviet Union, which is engaged in a bitter ideological dispute with Peking.

U.S. officials were delighted by the show of support for Carter in the SALT negotiations.

In turn, European officials said their leaders were impressed by Carter's pledge of determination "to enhance this development (the opening of Sino-American diplomatic relations) and to ensure that it never becomes an obstacle to detente."

The European leaders stressed their confidence in Carter and denied the summit was called because of differences in their relations with the United States.

President Carter

Utah study went unnoticed

Atomic tests found lethal as early as 60s

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — U.S. health officials had evidence as early as 1965 that excessive leukemia deaths were occurring among Utah residents exposed to radioactive fallout from atomic tests, the "Washington Post" reported Monday editions.

Top Soviet defector weds

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (R) — A top-ranking Soviet diplomat who defected from his United Nation's post and later became embroiled in a controversy over payments to a professional escort has secretly married an American woman, "Newsweek" magazine has reported.

"Newsweek" said Arkady

Shevchenko was married two weeks ago to a woman whom he met through his Washington lawyer. He was a U.N. under-secretary general.

He was caught up in controversy when Judy Chavis a 22-year-old escort, said Shevchenko had paid her \$40,000 over a six-month period. She alleged that the money was provided by the CIA.

From 1960 to 1964 there were 28 leukemia deaths in the southwest Utah counties of Washington and Iron. Only 19 cases of leukemia would have been expected to occur among the 20,000 residents in the area, Weiss calculated.

Weiss said that even more significantly he had found that in 1959 and 1960 seven persons in the two countries were diagnosed as having acute leukemia, five of them children and teenagers, who are most vulnerable to some radioactive elements.

The "Post" said Weiss acknowledged in an interview last week that his study was inconclusive but that it raised, apparently for the first time, the question of excessive leukemia deaths in the fallout zone. Weiss said the possibility of a

link to radioactive fallout should have been pursued then.

Weiss, now retired, was deputy chief of the Health Service's Radiological Health Division.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is now involved in a major controversy over whether atomic bomb testing in the 1950s caused leukemia and cancer.

The "Post" said HEW officials were described as "horned" to learn of the existence of the unpublished study.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano Jr. has ordered a search of federal files to see if similar studies exist, the "Post" said.

More than 80 above-ground nuclear tests were conducted at the nearby Nevada proving grounds from 1951 to 1962.

Jupiter looks like giant egg in probe photos

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 8 (AP) — Voyager 1 is sending back "fantastic" pictures of Jupiter that make the huge planet look "like a big Easter egg," a spokesman has said.

The craft's cameras clicked on Saturday, 37 million miles from the Jovian surface, and the first transmissions were received Saturday afternoon, said Frank Bristow of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where the pictures are being received.

"Some information is being returned, but it takes time to study it," Bristow said Sunday. "But the pictures are just fantastic. Jupiter is a beautiful planet."

Bristow said the cameras aboard Voyager 1, using telescopic lenses, are taking a series of approach pictures.

"We're already exceeding what we have seen before," Bristow said. "The details, patterns and colors of the clouds are just fantastic. Jupiter is like a big Easter egg."

A twin craft — Voyager 2 — will rendezvous with Jupiter sometime in July and conduct sampler tests.

One of the mission's major functions will be to photograph Jupiter's five inner moons, Bristow said.

"They have never been photographed up close, so no one knows what their surfaces are like, except in theory," Bristow said. "We're going to see something new."

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Hess may appeal for clemency

BERLIN, Jan. 8 (Agencies)

— Rudolf Hess for the first time is considering asking the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union to grant him an amnesty. Eugene Bird, former U.S. warden at Spandau Prison where Hess is confined, said Monday.

Until now, Hess has refused to ask for mercy, maintaining his sentence at the Nuremberg trials was illegal.

Hess's son, Wolf-Ruediger Hess, a 41-year-old architect, confirmed his father is considering asking for clemency.

"My father told me that he only has a short time to live and is pondering making a request to be let out of prison so he can see his grandchildren," the son said in a cable he sent Chancellor Helmut Schmidt appealing for his intercessions.

sion with the World War II veterans.

Bird reported he also sent Schmidt a cable Sunday asking him to intercede to gain freedom for Hess, who is serving a life term in Spandau in the British sector of Berlin. Hess was returned to the prison Jan. 3 from the nearby British Military Hospital where he underwent a week's treatment for what the British called a "minor circulatory ailment." Bird said it was a stroke.

Hess's son said his father is nearly blind and will soon die.

Hess will be 85 in April.

Wolf-Ruediger Hess said his father had suffered a stroke which had left him three-quarters blind.

The Soviet Union has rebuffed all appeals for the release



Rudolf Hess

of the former Nazi leader who has been in custody ever since he parachuted into Scotland on a one-man peace mission in 1941.

In a general appeal, Hess's family called for protests against what they described as the systematic murder by installments of an old man. They

said Hess should be brought to a West German hospital.

Hess's son said in his message to Chancellor Schmidt, "The Rudolf Hess case is in its final phase. I appeal to you, chancellor, and the state and government heads of the three Western custodian powers to break at the last minute the vicious circle of Soviet intransigence and Western reticence."

He said he could not believe the Western leaders were not in a position to convince the Soviet Union that "every breathing human being is, and remains a human being."

Bird said he warned Schmidt in his cable if Hess dies in prison after 37 years captivity it will give former Nazis an opportunity to make capital out of it.

Ice age or greenhouse effect

Scientists blow hot and cold on climate

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 8 (R) — Scientists say they believe the world's climate is in for a major change, but they disagree on whether a new ice age or hotter weather is coming.

Meeting for the annual session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here, researchers discussed some theories of drastic climatic change and the dramatic effects such a change could have on society. (See related story, page 8.)

For instance in an ice age, what would happen to agriculture in a food-poor world, or if the earth's temperature rose, would people migrate north to escape the heat?

Although the scientists disagreed on exactly how the climate was going to change, they did agree that the uncertainty greatly complicated social planning.

The major dispute is between scientists who say the Earth's normal climatic cycles indicate a coming ice age, and others who predict that carbon dioxide created by burning fossil fuels will produce a "greenhouse" effect. With such an effect, the atmosphere would absorb and hold more solar radiation, thus raising temperatures.

Others see a new ice age as inevitable but feel carbon dioxide pollution may cause serious short-term changes.

Dr. James Hays, of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geologic Observatory, believes that wobbles in the Earth's orbit will probably be the cause of a second ice age.

He said, "There is evidence

that in the summertime during full glacial periods, the summer ice (of the West Antarctic ice shelf) covers the area now covered only in the winter, while the winter ice extends out 40 million square kilometers."

Although there has been no discernible change in the West Antarctic ice shelf recently, there is now some evidence of a drop in ocean temperatures.

On the other side is Dr. Roger Revelle of the University of California at San Diego. He believes if the amount of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere doubles — which it can do within 75 years — it will raise temperatures 5-6 degrees Fahrenheit and even more in the higher latitudes.

There will be more rain in the north as the arctic ice melts. Permafrost will also melt and forests will move north, Dr. Revelle predicts. Higher temperatures will help Canadian and Soviet agriculture, but destroy much of the American Midwest.

Peru labor defies clampdown; general strike will go ahead

LIMA, Jan. 8 (R) — Defiant union leaders say they plan to go ahead with a three-day general strike Tuesday despite a state of emergency decreed by the Peruvian government and the arrest of about 100 of their colleagues.

In messages sent to news media Sunday, trade union leaders hid from police said the strike is the only way to protest against the uncontrollable increase in the cost of living.

In another message, a representative of the Transport Workers Union said its workers were to stage a 24-hour strike Monday to protest against the government's economic policies.

The military government urged workers to ignore the

So far this year

Nicaragua claims 33 rebels killed

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 8 (AP) — Nicaragua's National Guard has announced that 33 guerrillas and three soldiers were killed in fighting near the Honduran border the first three days of this year.

National Guard spokesman Col. Aquiles Aranda Escobar said Sunday the fighting took

place after 60 to 70 guerrillas re-entered Nicaragua. He did not say why the announcement was delayed.

Managua's Chief of Police Nicolas Valle Salinas said Sunday that marches next Wednesday to commemorate the assassination of opposition newspaper publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro will require a permit.

Chamorro was ambushed in Managua last Jan. 10, sparking the start of a year-long crisis that culminated in a September uprising led by the Sandinista National Liberation Front. An estimated 1,500 persons died in the uprising.

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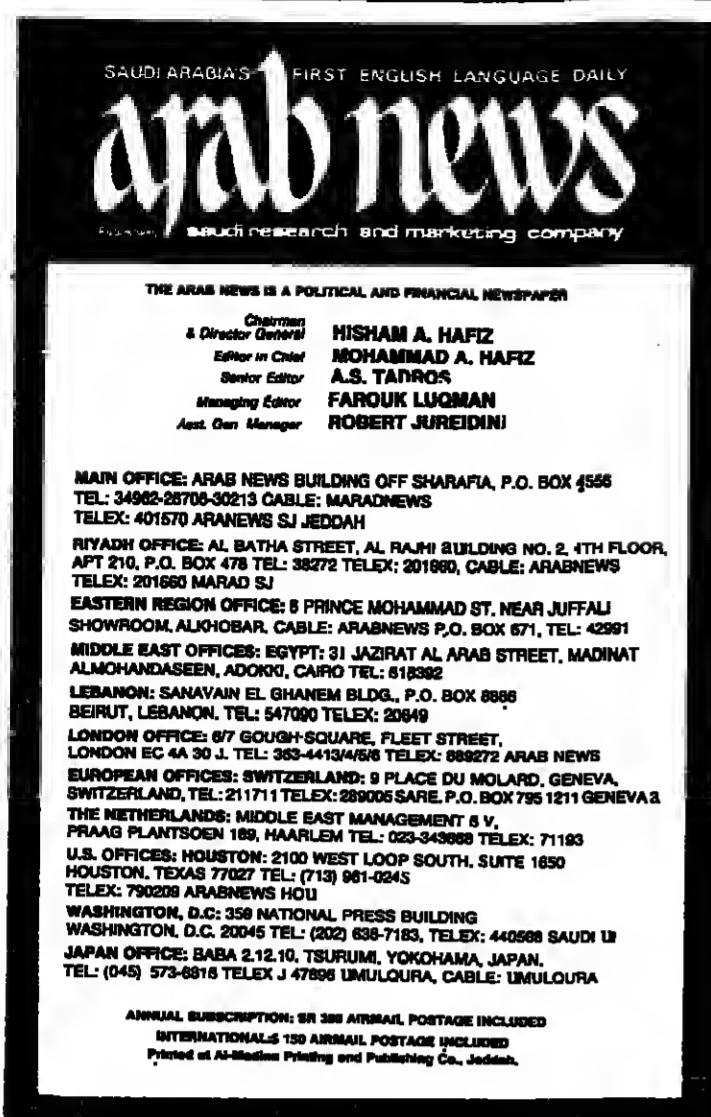
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BAKHTIAR'S CHANCE

Once again a reform-minded government has come to power in Iran. Once again, — this time within hours of the new government's assumption of power — Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has called for its downfall. The aged religious leader exiled in a Paris suburb seems to have a penchant for chaos without end-in Iran.

Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar presented his cabinet to the Shah on Sunday. The Western press characterized the new leadership as "political unknowns," but Khomeini knows better than that. Bakhtiar and his cabinet represent something inconceivable only a few months ago. They are men of the National Front, bitter opponents of the Shah since his restoration to power in a 1953 coup, and Shahpour Bakhtiar was the party's No. 2 leader.

Nevertheless, Khomeini, after pointing out correctly that it was up to the people of Iran to decide the new government's fate, changed that democratic tune and reverted to form by denouncing it as "usurping and illegal."

"Continue your struggle," Khomeini urged his followers. "Do not hesitate for an instant, or the blood spilled until now for Islam and liberty will be lost."

Is Shahpour Bakhtiar, an opponent of the Shah's government since the decade before Khomeini decided to go into politics, to be denied a chance? More to the point, will the people of Iran be denied a chance to judge the effectiveness of an opposition government due to opposition inflexibility?

Khomeini's complaint is centered on the continued presence in Iran of the Shah. Khomeini has called the Shah's "monarchic regime...illegal," and insists that the country's oil strike will continue until the Shah leaves.

Bakhtiar is no friend of the Shah. He has stated repeatedly that the Shah will play a limited, constitutional role in the future, apparently not unlike that of Britain's Queen Elizabeth. He and the Shah have both spoken publicly of a "vacation" for the besieged monarch. To move further would invite anarchy in Iran's military forces, for they would be like a body without a head in the absence of at least a symbolic monarchy.

Khomeini is unjustified in opposing the new government. The people of Iran should be given a chance to test Bakhtiar. The only way to do that is to give Bakhtiar a chance.

Syrian energy

By Shyam Bhattacharya

CAIRO — Syria has become a net exporter of energy for the first time in history. This follows the commissioning of five out of eight power turbines at the new Al Thawra dam on the Euphrates between Aleppo and the Turkish border.

A small producer of oil as well, most of which is exported, Syria is now selling some of its surplus hydroelectric power in neighboring Jordan and Lebanon.

Negotiations are also underway to sell 150 megawatts of electricity a day to Turkey. Officials at the Ministry of the Euphrates Dam say it may also be possible to begin similar negotiations with Iraq following the new entente between Baghdad and Damascus.

Construction of the \$600 million dam began in 1968, with Soviet financial and technical assistance. It was completed in March last year. It is expected to produce in 1973 in small quantities. When all eight turbines of the dam are commissioned, the generating station will have a total capacity of 850 megawatts.

According to Ahmad Lahham, an energy official, present production averages between 430 and 470 megawatts a day, which is well in excess of the country's own immediate needs. He estimates it will take 20 years for the country to absorb the entire output of electricity. Some will be tapped for rural electrification. Other consumer outlets include sugar beet and paper factories being built around Al Thawra.

Besides its energy and energy related benefits, the new dam will more than double the amount of land under cultivation. Some 550,000 hectares are farmed at present and the government hopes this will be increased to 1,100,000 hectares.



Korea's boom economy

By Mark Murray

SEOUL —

Korean economist Kim is fascinated by the fact that during his lifetime he will have lived in three radically different societies without ever having left his native country.

He was born in an agricultural society, is now helping to map out the strategy of the current industrialized society, and expects to live out his declining years in a post-industrial society.

Jae-Ik Kim, the director-general of the Economic Planning Board, is one of the articulate and brilliant young technocrats who have emerged in the past decade or so to provide the driving force behind what amounts to a total restructuring of a national way of life.

The pace is truly frenetic. Amazing growth rates of around 15 per cent in real terms annually are producing vast amounts of surplus cash which are ploughed straight back into industry or into wage increases. Old, inefficient industries are being ruthlessly scrapped, and new ones, on a higher technological plane, move in to take their place.

It's all part of a strategy to produce a world-ranking economic power that will be able to stand on its own feet — and, most important in Seoul, have the muscle to repel, or more hopefully, prevent the invasion of South Korea's real wealth from the Communist North.

Obviously the fast pace produces distortions. Inflation is rampant; pollution is now as bad as it once was in Japan; behind the vibrant excitement of the high economic growth it is a harsh life in many respects.

The Baathist government in Damascus wants the reclaimed land to be farmed on a co-operative basis with actual ownership being vested in the state. This proposal is believed to have caused some uneasiness among the country's traditional farming communities and also among the new settlers who are being brought in.

Syria also faces protracted international negotiations on the division of Euphrates water with Turkey, which lies upstream, and Iraq, which lies downstream. Turkey has already built its own dam, the Keban, but is being generous about releasing water because its own reservoir is already full.

The issue of how much water Syria should release for Iraq is still unresolved. When Syria began filling its Lake Assad reservoir four years ago, the Iraqi government said its farmers had been deprived of water and considerable damage had been caused to agriculture in their part of the Euphrates basin.

Although the three countries have been working towards a tripartite agreement for the past 14 years, progress has been slow. Political observers in Damascus say a successful tripartite agreement about the division of Euphrates water will be as important as the actual building of the Al Thawra Dam. —(OFNS)

cause they are not free to fight from the Arab countries neighboring Israel nor are they sufficiently backed to carry on the struggle inside the occupied land."

"These statements included some made by the top leaders.

There was even one by Yasser Arafat and another by his deputy which were quickly denied.

"There is no doubt now," the paper said, "that one of the lines of thought in the PLO calls for recognition of the Jewish entity and suspension of the armed struggle in return for a national Palestinian homeland."

There are other differences too, the paper added. "One of them is the question of a government in exile."

"It is obvious that the Palestinians have been forced by the problems of the present situation in the Arab world to minimize their demands be-

to coordinate their trade and economic activities as well as comfortably absorb the effects of international inflation. The third is further cooperation between the Gulf bloc and other Arab states which, it is hoped, will lead to greater economic unity in the Arab world and allow Arabs to use their economic resources in a way that would eventually make them an influential economic power."

On the same subject "Al-Riyad" said that the Gulf region "has been for a long time the focus of foreign greed due to its wealth." There were companies that charged wildly extravagant prices for services and goods — a practice they would not follow elsewhere.

Others inflated their bids while a third group adopted a two-tier pricing policy for their exports — with the higher one for the Gulf.

Arab news

Shahpour Bakhtiar

By William Branigin

TEHRAN —

The man the Shah of Iran has asked to lead a new civilian government, described himself not too long ago as "an unemployed intellectual."

Largely unknown to most Iranians until he was cast into the limelight late last month, Bakhtiar is in fact a lawyer by training and a longtime opponent of the Shah. Like other leaders of Iran's secular political opposition, he is a member of the wealthy upper-crust of Tehran society and has managed to live quite comfortably despite long political repression.

Until recently, Bakhtiar was the No. 2 man in the opposition National Front, which expelled him after he accepted the Shah's mandate to form a government that would end the country's year-long crisis while, apparently, preserving the monarchy. He was one of the youngest high officials of the National Front government under the late Muhammad Mosaddeq, who forced the Shah into exile in 1953 before a CIA-backed coup brought him back a few days later.

Bakhtiar studied at the French School of Beirut and later at the University of Pa-

ris, where he received a doctorate in international law in 1940. Later he earned another doctorate in law and political science from the Sorbonne in Paris.

During World War II, he was drafted by the French army for 18 months, and the fight against the Nazi invasion has been a major influence in Bakhtiar's life.

After his return to Iran in 1946, Bakhtiar spent two years in the provinces. In 1948 he joined the Iran Party, a group of largely French-speaking social democrats like himself, which became part of the National Front. Bakhtiar rose to become a deputy minister of labor under Mosaddeq, but was forced out of government service by the 1953 coup.

He later began working in a law office and again became active in opposition politics. Bakhtiar claims to have been jailed six times for political activities.

He has said the Shah had dismissed him from jobs because of his political record.

Despite having been a political outcast in the past, Bakhtiar seems to have done well financially under the Shah's regime. Like many well-to-do

dissidents, including National Front leader and ex-wife Karim Sanjabi, he lives in a spacious walled villa in north Tehran with a garden and a swimming pool.

On a recent visit, guests were received and served tea by servants dressed in white, and four cars were parked outside on the lawn.

A natty dresser who still speaks fluent, articulate French, Bakhtiar today strikes some acquaintances differently than he does others. Some view him as a courageous man who took on a difficult task in a desperate bid to save his country from further chaos and violence. Others see him as a political opportunist who has delusions of being a man of the hour.

In any case, one factor that may militate against his efforts to end Iran's political and economic crisis is his reputed distaste for the country's powerful religious leaders, who have been in the forefront of the opposition to the Shah. A secular man and a political liberal, Bakhtiar reportedly had been growing increasingly uncomfortable with the tactical alliance between the National Front and the religious opposition led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. — (WP)

War and natural resources

By George C. Wilson

WASHINGTON —

There is an increasing danger that the United States and the Soviet Union could be dragged into a Third World conflict where access to natural resources is at stake. U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown has told "The Washington Post."

Brown said he was worried about the general problem raised by the conflicting interests of the two superpowers in developing countries, and said, in response to a question, that the current turmoil in oil-rich Iran is an example.

Brown said the prospects of instability in developing countries are such "that we might have a very difficult time avoiding the choice between active participation in conflict, although not necessarily with ground forces, or a severe damage to our national interests and resources."

"I think that's a worse problem than it was in the 1950s and 1960s," Brown continued. "You say how could it be worse than Vietnam? I guess what I'm saying is that our vital interests are more likely to be involved than in retrospect they probably were" in Vietnam. "We're more interdependent we're more resource-dependent on the outside world."

Brown was part of the government team during the Vietnam war, serving under President Kennedy as Pentagon research director and later as secretary of the Air Force. He said he doesn't believe the United States would become involved again in a place like Vietnam where vital national interests were not unequivocally at stake.

The defense secretary, who has just finished two years of running the world's mightiest military establishment, did not spell out how the United States could successfully use its power in developing nations where vital resources were in contention. He did state, however, that "planning is going ahead" for a highly mobile,

hard-hitting specialized force for conflicts outside of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

This time last year, Brown and other Carter administration executives were talking about assembling two army divisions and a marine amphibious force to respond to emergencies in vital areas like the Gulf. Brown said that specialization of such a military force is limited by the variety of threats the United States must plan for all around the world.

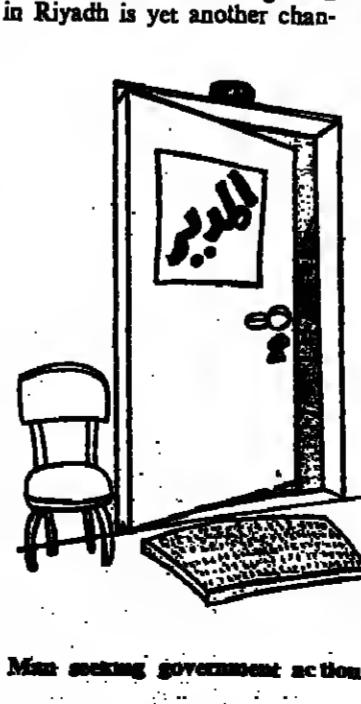
"Our forces need to be multipurpose," he said. "We're not like the Soviets, who have 150 divisions. They can deploy 35 or 40 on one border, 30 to 40 on another, and a big mass in all at one point," which could be a mistake to say the main payoff is military. It's principally diplomatic." He added, however, that "it's very important to us that the Soviets not be able to throw their political and military strength all at one point," which could be the case if the Soviets reached such an accommodation with China that they could transfer divisions on that border to the NATO front.

Space warfare — The Soviets have developed and tested anti-satellite weapons "and we haven't responded in kind. But that has not caused them to restrain" their anti-satellite program.

Civil defense — "I don't think civil defense, whether it be shelter in the cities or by evacuation" from them, "really prevents unacceptable damage from being inflicted on either side" in a nuclear war. "On the other hand, an outcome that differs by 30 or 40 million more dead in one case than in another in a given country, which could be the difference between the civil defense plan and no civil defense plan, could — I don't think it's likely but it's possible — affect perceptions and actions on the two sides. And so I think it's worth exploring" under a modestly funded program.

MX land missile — "something has to be done" to make U.S. land-based missiles less vulnerable to Soviet attack. Whether to deploy the new MX land missile in aircraft or inside vertical shelters is still being studied. — (WP)

"This may well accelerate the pace of events in the country as was the case in many other regions. We may suddenly find ourselves in the midst of a large-scale military confrontation."



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Pantomime 'Sing a Song' proves a crowd pleaser



The King of Cornucopia with the Chamberlain



Princess and prince — charming

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — The pantomime "Sing a Song of Sixpence" presented by the Saudi Equity Theater was well received by a good first night audience.

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It was a good effort on everyone's part and the whole company and all the helpers

put up a smashing show. It was very funny indeed in places.

The direction was competent: the choreography, costumes and sets good. The music was sometimes too powerful for the solo and duet singers, especially those who were, as Dames coping with castrati registers.

There was quite obviously a lot of enthusiasm on opening night after weeks of hard work. Well done indeed.

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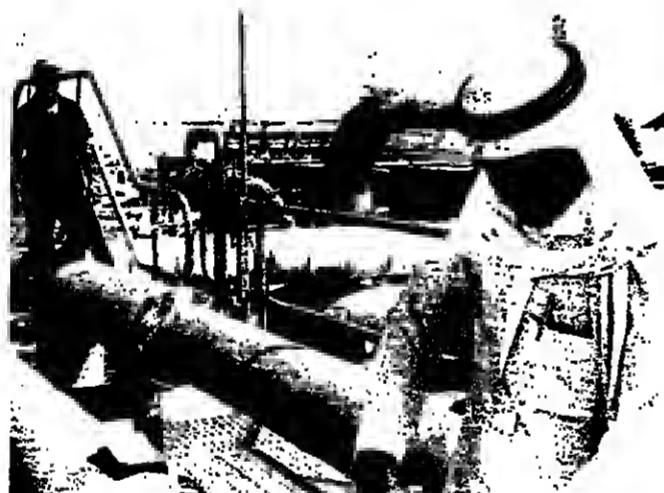


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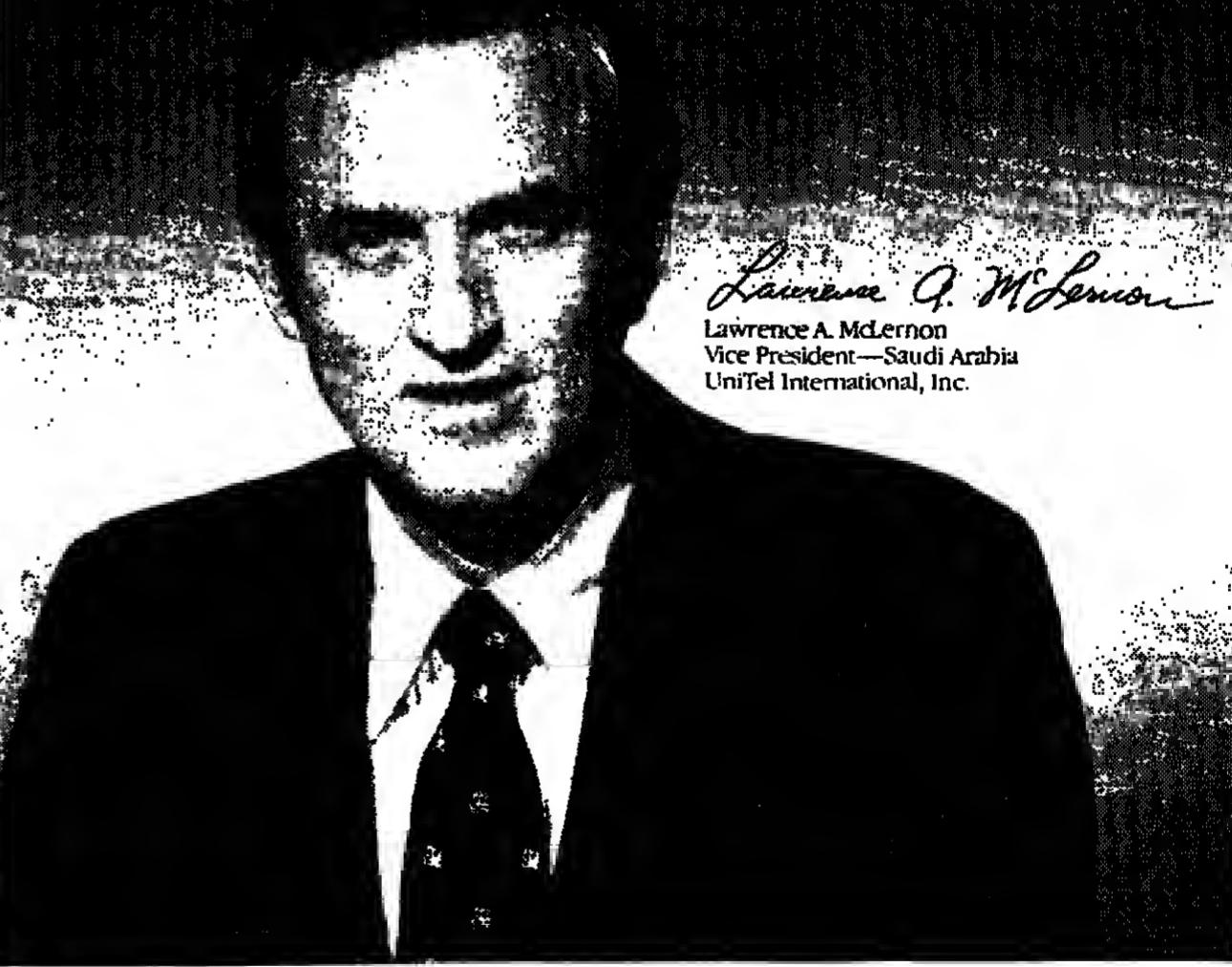
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In memorial: Philip K. Hitti

By a Staff Reporter

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Memorial services were held in Princeton, New Jersey, late last month for Philip K. Hitti, the Cedars of commander's rank — the country's highest civilian decoration — in 1956. Syria honored the scholar in 1954 with the Merit Decoration, First Class.

Hitti, 92, professor emeritus of Semitic literature at Princeton University, died Dec. 24 after a prolonged illness.

Born in Shemlan, Lebanon, Hitti spent most of his adult life teaching and writing in the United States. His association with Princeton University — both as a teaching professor and an emeritus scholar — lasted 52 years.

In reporting his death, the "New York Times" described Hitti as "a leading authority in the United States on Arabic and Islamic culture and one of the first persons in any American university to appreciate and promote the importance of the Arab world in this country."

In addition to his academic career, Hitti served as a consultant to several U.S. government agencies and advised the Arab delegations to the first organizing meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945.

Earlier this year, the Egyptian government decorated Hitti with the Order of Merit, First Class.

His native country Lebanon bestowed on him the Medal of Honor of the Lebanese Republic in 1953 and the Medal of the Cedars of commander's rank — the country's highest civilian decoration — in 1956. Syria honored the scholar in 1954 with the Merit Decoration, First Class.

Hitti received his undergraduate degree from the American University of Beirut in 1908. He then joined the AUB faculty and taught there for the next five years.

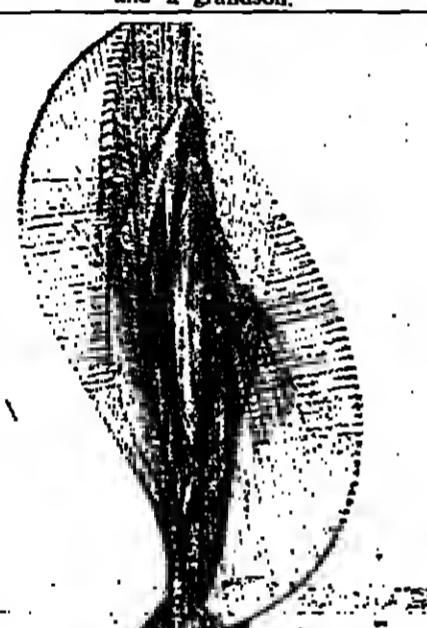
From 1913 to 1920, Hitti studied and taught at New York's Columbia University, where he received his Ph. D. degree.

He returned to Beirut in 1920, and rejoiced the faculty of AUB as a professor of history. Six years later he accepted a position as assistant professor of Semitic literature at Princeton, where he taught until his retirement in 1954.

Hitti became the first director of Princeton's Near East studies program.

Hitti wrote countless books and papers on Middle East culture and history. The most popular in the United States was his "History of the Arabs" published in 1957.

Hitti is survived by his daughter, Viola H. Winder of Princeton; a brother, Dr. Joseph Hitti of Beirut; a sister, Mrs. Najib Jabbour of Beirut; and a grandson.



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Climbing a growth curve at the New York Islamic Center

Special to Arab News

By Katherine Bredlove

NEW YORK — New York City's Islamic Center, one of the two in the United States, serves a community of more than 100,000 area Muslims.

"There are two to three million Muslims in this country," said Dr. Hosni Gaber, director and Imam of the center. "But the largest gathering is in and around the city of New York."

The center, a tax-exempt religious group housed in a modest five-story brownstone, serves as a seat of prayer, a meeting place for Muslim cultures, a library, a school for children, and place for family counseling.

A visit to the center on a typical afternoon finds the reception room filled with people waiting for counseling or advice from the director.

The New York center is supported by Muslim countries with missions at the United Nations, while the other official Islamic Center in the United States — located in Washington — is supported by Muslim countries with embassies there.

"Any Islamic country with a mission to the United Nations is automatically considered a member of our Board of Governors," Gaber explained.

Formerly a professor of Islamic law at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Gaber was designated as director of the center by the government of Egypt, which also pays his salary and expenses.

The remainder of the center's budget comes from contributions by Muslim countries and from the local community. Besides the director, the staff includes two secretaries and one curator who is the caller to the prayers.

"We have many volunteers in the community who help out with emergencies such as funerals, special meetings, Eid services and other events," Gaber said.

The center's activities are divided into two categories, Gaber added. "First, we serve the Muslim community in and around the city. We hold religious services, notify people of religious occasions, perform funerals, marriages and counseling, and also distribute books and publications on Islam. We also provide a school where Muslim children can learn basic religion and basic Arabic, and we give Fatwas (legal opinions). We issue a great many of these Fatwas by phone, by mail or in person, to Muslims all over the United States," Gaber said.

The second area of activity focuses on the center's aim to serve as a bridge between the Muslim and non-Muslim community. Information on Islam and the Muslim cultures is



Dr. Hosni M. Gaber, director of the New York Islamic Center.

provided. Lectures on Islam as a religion and a culture are offered in area schools, churches and universities. Thousands of letters are answered every year from non-Muslim Americans seeking information on Islam. Many groups visit the center for such information, Gaber said.

In this way, we try to make a contribution to understanding between different cultures and religions," Gaber said. "We hope to expand these activities when the new mosque is built."

The center's new mosque is on the drawing boards of architects 3D/International, Houston, and Rogers, Butler, Burgh and Shabine, New York. It will be New York's first mosque, and will feature Islamic architectural characteristics such as waterfalls, a dome and a 190-foot minaret.

The 2-story complex will have a total of 45,000 square feet and will include a main prayer hall and an assembly hall to accommodate 1,000 people. It is to be located in New York's upper East side on a 80,000 square foot site that includes the entire block front between 96th and 97th streets.

The lower level will contain living quarters for the Imam, a library, classrooms, an exhibit hall and off-street parking. Like all mosques, it will be oriented toward the east toward Mecca. The total project, exclusive of the land, is expected to

cost \$20 million. Completion is scheduled for 1982.

"Although there are about 30 mosques now in the New York area, they are in apartments or buildings not originally built for that purpose," Gaber said. "We hope this new center will add to the culture and beauty of the city and will serve the Muslim community here. Most important, we hope the large Muslim community will find the center to be a place where they can gather for their worship and for their cultural activities."

The current center can accommodate about 700 persons for prayer, Gaber said. The proposed center will hold 2,000 which are expected for services during the blessed times like Ramadan," he added.

"In addition, we will not have to rent space for our special occasions," Gaber explained. "This year we rented space at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for our September feast celebrating the breaking of fasting at the end of Ramadan."

Back when the Islamic center moved into its current building, leaders of New York's Muslim community were already looking ahead to a new mosque. The land was purchased during 1966-1969, with initial contributions of \$200,000 each from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libya, according to Robert W. Thabit, attorney for the Islamic Center.

The buildings on the site have been demolished and the land is being readied for construction, Thabit said.

"Ground-breaking is set for next spring, provided everything goes as planned," he added.

Current donations to the proposed center total over \$25 million. During the summer of 1978, a special fund was opened with gifts of \$500,000 from the late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, and \$1 million each from the governments of Libya and Iraq. During the period 1966-1977, the Kingdom contributed \$900,000, Kuwait \$1.2 million, Libya \$230,000 and Qata \$110,000. There were also contributions from the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Iran, Jordan, Morocco and the local New York community. The latter included \$12,000 from U.S. Arab Chamber of Commerce and \$6,000 from the Islamic Cultural Society.

Heading up the new fund is Ambassador Abdullah Yaqoub Bishara, chairman of the Islamic Center's Board of Governors and Ambassador to the United Nations from Kuwait. Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the U.N. Jamil M. Baroudy also has been instrumental in the development of the Islamic Center. He and the ambassadors from Kuwait and Libya convinced their governments of the importance of the new mosque and raised the initial funds, Thabit said. And, he added, they have continued support efforts to build the new mosque.

warmer) periods further back in time.

More recently, the world has enjoyed an agricultural boom during the past 70 years or so. The earth's annual average temperature has risen by about one to 1½ degrees, about as much of an increase as the decrease during the little ice ages, during this interval and with roughly the inverse effect, never has so much food been produced.

Libby and Pandolfi are not alone in suspecting that the sun's output is a sometimes thing, an increasing number of scientists are coming to feel that our star's performance, instead of being 100 per cent the same all the time, may vary by one per cent or so over unknown segments of time.

When she and Pandolfi project their curves into the future, they show lower average temperatures from now through the mid 1980s. "Then," Libby added, "we see a warming trend (by about a quarter of 1 degree Fahrenheit) globally to around the year 2000. And then it will really get cold — if we can believe our projections. This has to be tested." (LAT)

World forecast calls for warming trend, then possible ice age

By George Alexander

LOS ANGELES — The forecast is for continued cool weather all over the earth through the mid 1980s, with a global warming trend setting in thereafter for the rest of the century — followed by a severe cold snap after 2000, a cold snap that might well last throughout the first half of the 21st century.

That, at least, is the way that Drs. Leona M. Libby and Louis J. Pandolfi project the world's climate for roughly the next 70 years. They base their forecast upon a detailed analysis of past climatic patterns, as seen in several hundred-year-old trees, in samples of deep ice from Greenland and in sea floor cores taken from the Santa Barbara, Calif., basin.

Libby, an adjunct professor of engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Pandolfi, formerly a graduate student in Libby's laboratory and now a research scientist with the Global Geochemistry Corp. of Santa Monica, Calif., have been interested in past, present and future climatic trends for several years now.

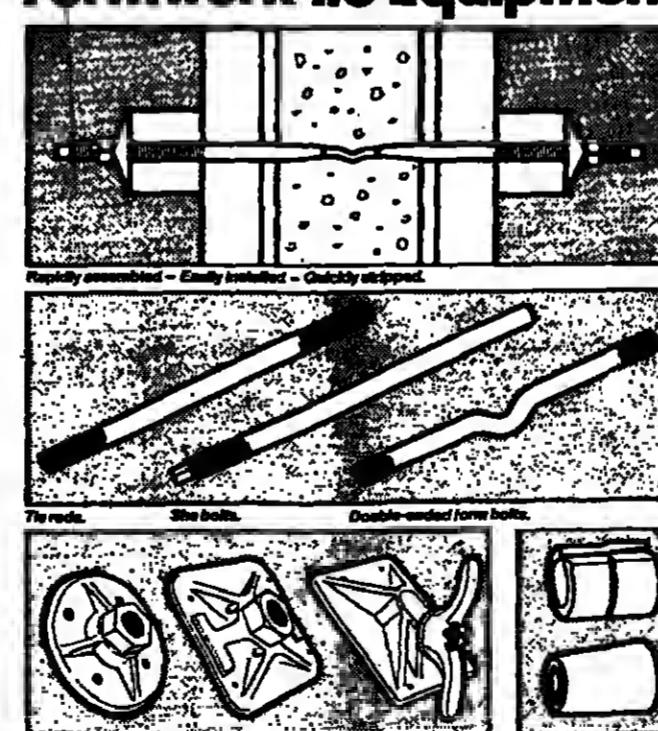
Proceeding on the assumption that climate varies in a cyclic, repetitive way, the two researchers have sought to reconstruct past climatic conditions for a variety of clues.

These tree ring-size have long been interpreted as rough indicators of climatic conditions for any year — a wide ring suggesting ample supplies of water and nutrients, along with benign temperatures, for example — but Libby's and Pandolfi's work, reported in 1976, extended this concept and refined it.

Libby and Pandolfi have been able to work out the climatic trends of past centuries for which there are otherwise no records.

The tree ring measurements reflect, for example, the "little ice ages" of the 15th and 18th centuries, when the annual average temperatures dropped only one to two degrees centigrade. The average drops around 15 to 20 degrees during an ice age.

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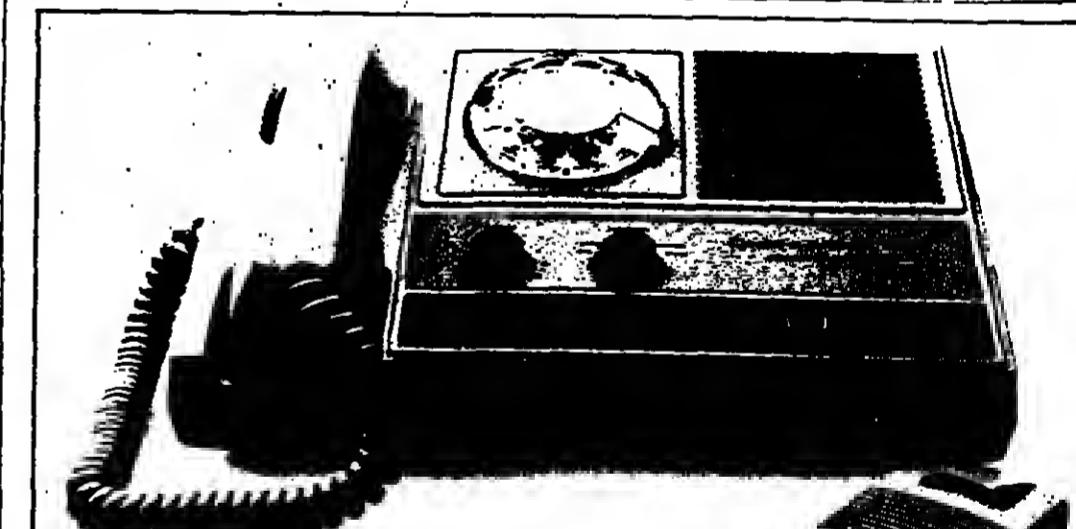
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Super Bowl pits Dallas, Pittsburgh

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The defending champions, the Dallas Cowboys, massacred the Los Angeles Rams, 28-0, Sunday while, in Pittsburgh, the Steelers crushed the Houston Oilers, 34-5, to set up the first rematch in the history of the American Football Super Bowl.

Super Bowl XIII is scheduled for Jan. 21 in Miami. Pittsburgh defeated Dallas, 21-17, in the 10th Super Bowl in 1976.

In Los Angeles, Charlie Waters set up two Dallas touchdowns with a pair of third-quarter interceptions and the Cowboys' doomsday defense forced five other turnovers en route to their 28-0 triumph and a record fifth appearance in

In Washington final

Steady Austin masters power of Navratilova

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP) — A near perfect Tracy Austin mastered the power serve of defending champion Martina Navratilova to defeat the expatriate Czech, 6-3, 6-2, Sunday and win the championship of the \$125,000, Washington stop of the women's indoor tennis tour.

The 16-year-old Austin, playing primarily from the baseline, broke Navratilova once in the first set and once in the second in winning the hour-long finals match and a \$24,000 first prize.

Austin played her normal game of placements, passes and few errors and was able to overcome the serve of the left-handed Navratilova, winner of this tournament in three of the past four years. Navratilova, who collected

\$12,000 could not get into her serve and volley game and kept making mistakes with her backhand.

Austin, who turned pro only in October, has defeated Navratilova only three of the eight times they have met in tournament play, including the final in Dallas last year which ended Navratilova's streak of 37 consecutive match wins.

To reach the finals, Austin had beaten Barbara Hapquist, then her teenage rival Pam Shriver, also 16, and in the semifinal, Ilana Kloss of South Africa.

Navratilova defeated Lea Antonopis, Ruta Gerulaitis, Ann Kiyomura and Dianne Fromholtz, all in two sets.

F.A. Cup 4th-round draw

LONDON, Jan. 8 (R) — A clash between Leeds and West Bromwich—on current form, two of the best teams in the English First Division—may be the highlight of the Football Association (F.A.) Cup fourth round for which the draw was made Monday. But the emphasis is on the "may-be."

There are only 16 matches in the fourth round but 63 teams are left in the competition after the ice and snow which wiped out all but three of Saturday's scheduled third round ties.

Fortunately for the officials who have to sort out this mess, the weather has improved sharply and virtually all the third round games should be played over the next three days.

If they survive this week, most of the top clubs should have an easy passage into the last 16.

F.A. Cup, fourth round, Jan. 27: Swansea City or Bristol Rovers vs. Charlton Athletic or Maidstone. Sheffield Wednesday or Arsenal vs.

Notts County or Reading, Birmingham or Burnley vs. Sunderland or Everton. Sheffield United or Aldershot vs. Swindon Town or Cardiff City. Shrewsbury Town vs. Manchester City or Barnsley or Rotherham. Nottingham Forest or Aston Villa vs. York City or Luton Town. Southend United or Liverpool vs. Millwall or Blackburn Rovers. Newport County or West Ham vs. Darlington or Colchester.

Preston North End or Derby County vs. Wimbledon or Southampton. Tottenham Hotspur or Altrincham vs. Wrexham or Stockport. Ipswich Town or Carlisle United vs. Orient or Bury. Stock City or Oldham Athletic vs. Leicester City. Middlesbrough or Crystal Palace vs. Bristol City or Bolton Wanderers. Newcastle United or Torquay United vs. Brighton or Wolverhampton Wanderers. Fulham or Queens Park Rangers vs. Manchester United or Chelsea. Hartlepool United or Leeds United vs. Coventry City or West Bromwich Albion.

European soccer roundup

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UPI) — Results of European First Division weekend soccer games:

Italy

Avellino 0 Atalanta 0
Fiorentina 0 Juventus 1
Vicenza 1 Ascoli 1
AC Milan 4 Catanzaro 0
Napoli 1 Lazio 1
Perugia 1 Verona 1
Roma 1 Inter 1
Torino 3 Bologna 1

Spain

Atletico 1 Burgos 2
Santander 3 Valencia 1
Sovilla 2 Salamanca 1
Vallecano 1 Real M. 1
Sociedad 2 Barcelona 0
Zaragoza 3 Las Palmas 1
Gijon 2 Huelva 0
Hercules 2 Celta 0
Espanol 0 Athletic B.

Portugal

Sporting 2 Boavista 0
Barre 0 Benfica 4
Guimaraes 3 Varzim 1
Viseu 1 Braga 1
Estoril 1 Academico 0
Famalicao 1 Maritimo 0
Beira 3 Balenenses 1
Porto Setubal postponed.

Greece

Ethnikos 0 Yannina 0
Iraklis 2 Panathinaikos 2
Kastoria 1 Olympia 0
Larisa 2 Kavala 1
OFC 0 AEK 0
Panionios 1 Apollon 1
Paisseirai 2 Egaleo 1
Rodos 1 PAOK 0
Aris 2 Panachaiki 0

There were no Belgian fixtures because of bad weather. The West German program resumes Saturday.

Chastened Loughery leads Nets to victory

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — Technically speaking, the "new" Kevin Loughery is doing fine.

Loughery, the 36-year-old coach of the New Jersey Nets, was on his best behavior Sunday night when he returned from a three-game suspension and guided the Nets, with 41 points by Bernard King, to a 117-112 National Basketball Association victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Loughery never came close to adding to his league-leading total of 26 technical fouls as he kept his comments to the officials to a minimum. The normally demonstrative coach had been suspended three games and fined \$1,000 for bumping referees Don Murphy and Mike Mathis on Dec. 29.

"I'm very pleased to be back," said Loughery. "My goal is to stay away from the officials as much as I can. Dave Wohl, my assistant, may be getting into more trouble now."

In other NBA games, the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Britain's Golden State Warriors, 112-108 and the Indiana Pacers defeated the Atlanta Hawks, 112-97.

Cleveland took a 95-74 lead

over Golden State into the final period, then saw the Warriors surge to within three

points behind rookies Wayne Cooper and Ray Townsend sealing its third straight victory and 10th in the last 14 games.

Guard Johnny Davis scored 25 points as Indiana breezed to its third victory in the last four games, moving out to a 56-39 halftime lead and then coasting home.

American poised for chess attack

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 8 (R) — British champion Jonathan Speelman Sunday looks set to lose his lead in the Hastings International Chess Tournament when the adjourned games from round 10 are finished.

His game against Soviet grandmaster Evgeny Vasiukov looks quite lost and he may well resign it without resuming play.

One of his rivals, American grandmaster Larry Christian, adjourned against Britain's George Botterill one pawn up and could move into the lead. Canadian grandmaster Peter Biyiasas drew against Romanian Grandmaster M. Mihail Suba and is in contention.

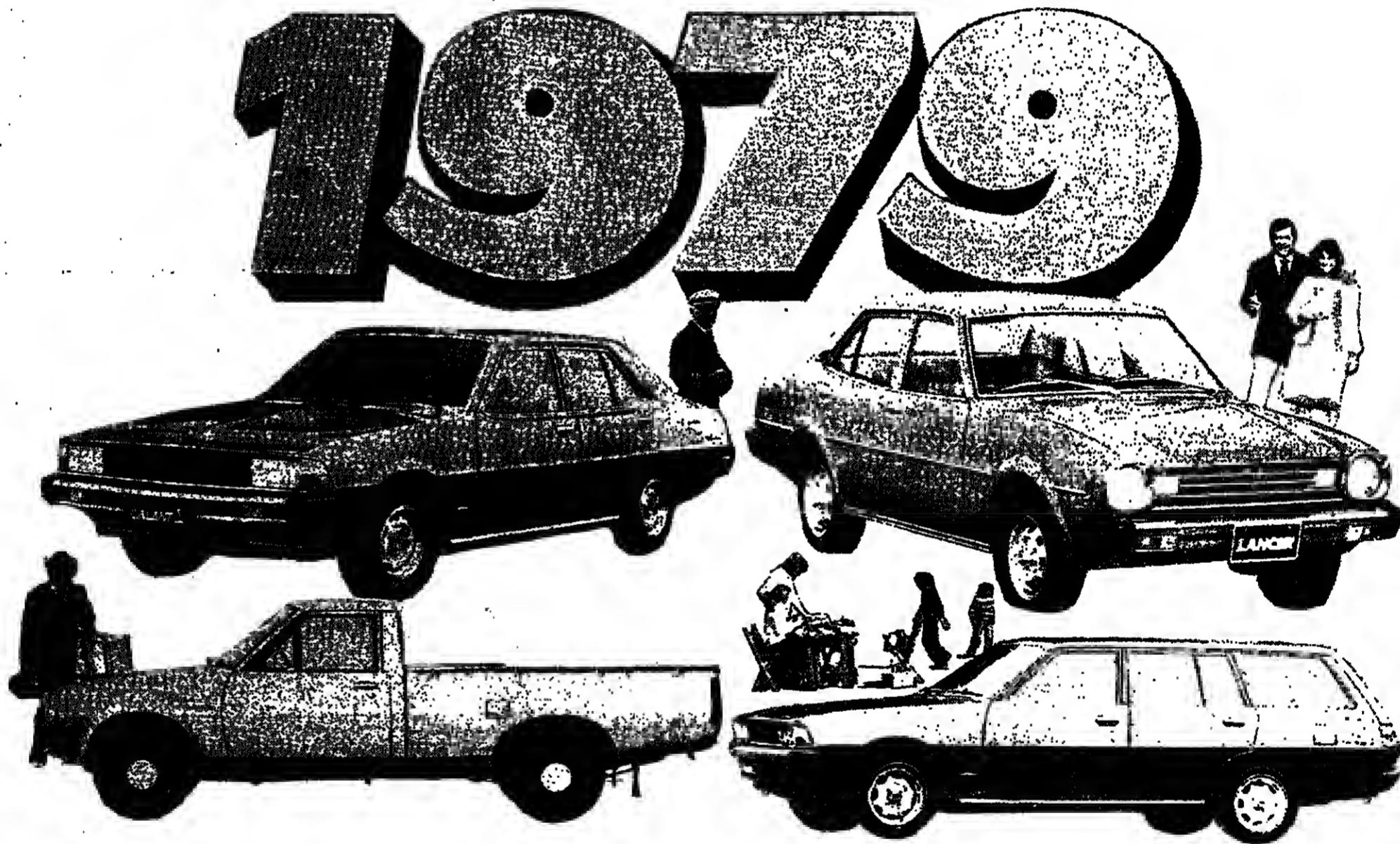


PLAYING IT COOL: The normally demonstrative Kevin Loughery says he'll be steering clear of officials for the next few games.

NBA standings

Eastern Conference		Western Conference		Pacific Division	
Atlantic Division	GB	Midwest Division	GB	Pacific Division	GB
Washington 27 12 .692	—	Philadelphia 23 13 .639	23	Seattle 24 14 .632	—
Cleveland 17 22 .436	62	New Jersey 19 18 .514	7	Phoenix 26 16 .619	—
New Orleans 13 28 .317	111	New York 20 21 .488	8	Los Angeles 24 16 .600	1
Detroit 12 27 .308	111	Boston 13 24 .351	13	Portland 19 17 .528	4
Central Division	—	Kansas City 23 15 .605	—	Golden State 21 19 .525	4
San Antonio 24 16 .600	—	Denver 20 20 .500	4	San Diego 19 23 .452	7

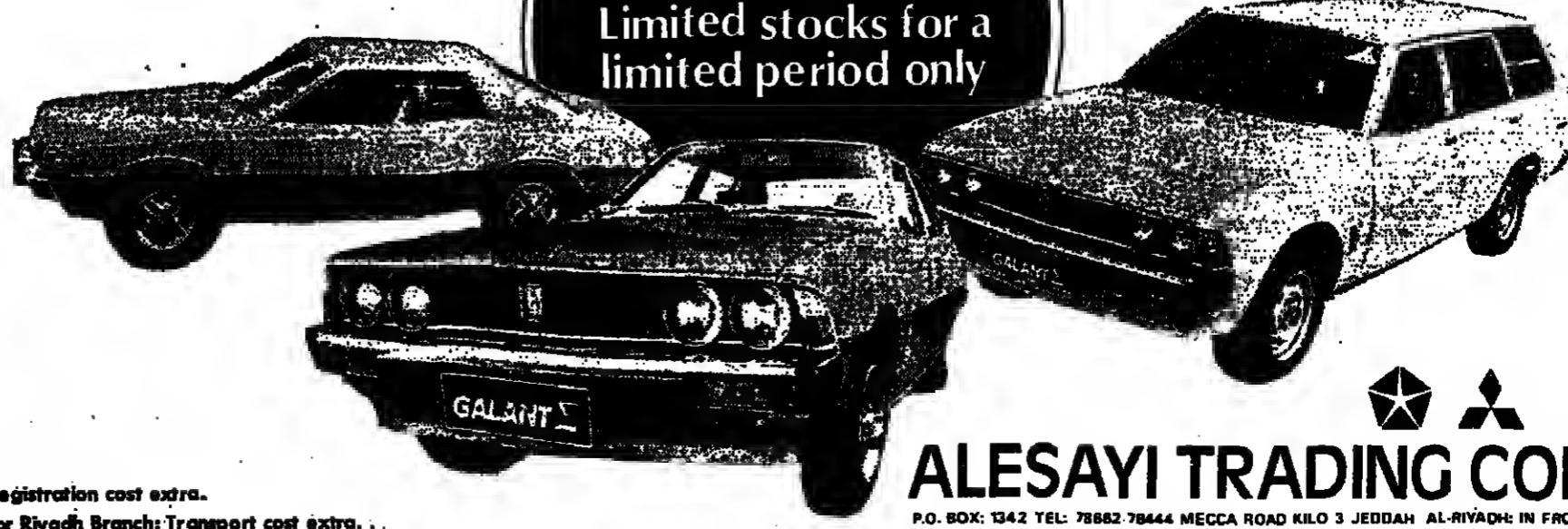
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At about 2 million barrels a day

Kuwait to maintain crude oil lifting level

KUWAIT, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — Kuwait plans to maintain its oil production at about two million barrels a day. Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said here Monday.

His country's oil strategy was also based on looking for more oil and natural gas fields and increasing the amount of liquefied gas used by industry, the minister said.

He said it was neither fair nor logical to freeze oil prices at a time when revenues of oil-producing nations were declining because of inflation, the fall in the dollar's value and increased prices of industrial materials.

Kuwait informed its cus-

tomers Monday that the price of its crude oil for the first quarter of the year will be \$12.83, five per cent higher than the price at the end of last year.

The Kuwaiti decision is in implementation of the resolution adopted by the OPEC oil ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi last month.

The price of Kuwait crude should have been \$12.88 a barrel but the new price involved a reduction of five cents a barrel in line with a recommendation of oil market experts from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran who met in Kuwait last week and decided to create higher incentives on world oil market for heavy oil produced by the three countries and known to be in low demand on the market.

The Abu Dhabi meeting authorized widening the margin of oil price differentials in order to allow for the differences in density among crudes produced by various OPEC members.

The conference also decided that prices of oils of less than 34 degrees be reduced by five cents a barrel before effecting.

The five per cent increase was decided for the first quarter of 1979. Kuwait's price was therefore reduced from \$12.27 to \$12.22 before adding the new percentage.

The Oil Ministry also said the prices of Kuwaiti crude for the second, third and fourth quarters of this year will be \$13.32, \$13.63 and \$14 respectively.

Contract offers avert U.S. refineries strike

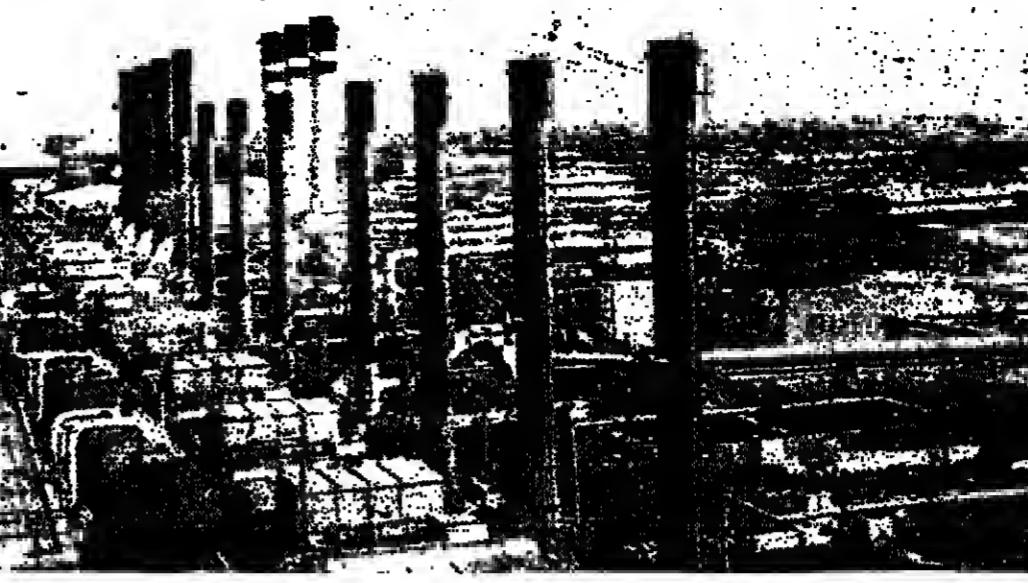
DENVER, Jan. 8 (R) — A strike by 60,000 workers against American oil refineries has been postponed following new contract offers believed to exceed President Carter's seven per cent wage rise guidelines.

A.F. Grossiron, president of the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union announced the postponement Sunday night an hour before contracts involving 411 local branches were to expire.

Grossiron said the union's National Oil Bargaining Policy Committee decided to postpone the strike because of last minute contract offers received from some unnamed oil companies.

It was presumed the offers exceeded Carter's wage-price guidelines, since an offer of the seven per cent limit was made by the oil industry earlier.

Grossiron said the policy committee will meet again Tuesday morning to review the new offers.



REFINING: The Kuwait Oil Company's refinery in Mina Al-Ahmad. Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said Monday that his country was making every effort to develop its refineries.

12 billion pounds

Cairo budget steers to peace

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UPI) — The government announced Monday its budget estimates which appeared to be peace-oriented official declarations that military spending levels are being maintained.

The 12 billion pound (\$30 billion) budget emphasized efforts to improve the lot of low-income groups and promote

economic development parallel with the maintenance of national security.

In reporting to parliament on the budget, the finance minister gave no total figure for military expenditures but said, "the requirements of the armed forces occupy first place in the budgetary appropriations."

President Sadat said in a recent speech military spending next year will be about one billion pounds (\$2.5 billion) compared with 2.1 billion pounds last year, a drop of about 15 per cent.

But past statements by finance officials had put three-quarters of the deficit to be covered by local borrowing and increased prices of some "luxury items."

There will be no U.S. recession, Kreps says

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP) — Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps says that America's national economic growth will be sluggish and unemployment will rise in 1979, but there will be no recession.

Mrs. Kreps, who a year ago was pressuring President Carter to adopt job-creating policies, said on NBC's "Meet the Press," "we all underestimated the inflationary pressures in the economy a year ago."

"Facing that reality, I think it is extremely important that we take the measures necessary to hold the rate of inflation down," she said. "It is more important to the American people to slow the inflationary rate than it is to adopt policies which will stimulate the economy and generate more jobs."

She said it appeared the growth rate would be between 2 and 2.5 per cent for 1979, "sluggish by the standards of 1978."

She said she hopes unemployment will be held below 6.5 per cent, but "we may not be able to do quite that."

On a more optimistic note, Mrs. Kreps said there should be substantial improvement in the American trade deficit, which she said could be pared from \$17 billion down to \$10 billion. She also said that there were great prospects of increasing exports to China, the Soviet Union and Japan.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Municipality of Ahsa	Construction of a vegetable and meat market	4	500	Feb. 12
" "	Removal of sands from Hajar Ambak	5	500	Feb. 18
Municipality of Tabuk	Securing of fuel and servicing of vehicles	xx	30	Jan. 30
Municipality of Riyadh Al-Khabeer	Temporary asphalting of some roads	xx	30	Jan. 29
Municipality of Medina	Repairs to municipal laboratory	xx	50	Feb. 10
Directorate of Education, Medina	Security of school furniture	xx	50	Feb. 5



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Deutsche Mark	1.80	181.00	181.50
Swiss F	2.12	204.00	204.00
French F	0.79	79.25	79.25
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.10	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	110.25	110.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.75
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.15	—
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	86.25	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	86.25	—
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.62	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	41.25	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	9.50	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	72.80	—
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	79.00	86.25	—
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Pakistani Rupee (100)	32.50	33.60	—
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Silver kg bar	665	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.79	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
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Mecca	5:41	7:05	12:34	3:40	5:58	7:28
Medina	5:49	7:12	12:36	3:37	5:54	7:24
Nejd	5:13	6:41	12:01	3:03	5:20	6:50

DAHRAHAN TV

5:30 Children's Show	Top Cat: Choo Choo Goe, Ga Ga
6:13 Waltungs	The Collision
7:10 Smoking Spot	Tax Break
7:11 That's My Mama	The Hero
7:36 Charlie's Angels	Consenting Adults
8:23 Best Sellers	Wheels, PT 4

WEATHER

An air depression east of the Mediterranean basin will affect the climate in Saudi Arabia, activating southern winds in most areas, raising dust and sand. Horizontal visibility will be reduced, especially in the northern, central and western provinces. Thick clouds will cover the northern province and parts of the western province, setting the stage for rains and thunderstorms. Temperatures will maintain their gradual rise in the western and central provinces. They will however register a drop in the northern province.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate to choppy. Monday's temperature (maximum, minimum in centigrade).

Mecca	30	22	Hail	21	01
Jeddah	30	19	Tabuk	22	04
Riyadh	20	11	Bisha	28	12
Dhahran	21	09	Yanbu	27	16
Medina	26	15	K. Masha'it	20	06
Taif	23	09	Abha	19	05

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Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:08 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle	10:10 Light Music
1:15 S.A. Historical Notes	10:15 NEWS
1:30 Off the Record	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
2:00 Your Choice	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:20 On Islam	11:00 Champions of Solidarity
2:40 Islam the Divine Truth	11:10 Press Review
2:55 Music	11:15 The Sixties
3:00 NEWS	11:45 The World of Guitar
3:15 Press Review	12:00 Islamic Contributions
3:15 Music	12:15 The Songwriters
3:20 My Music	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
3:50 Close Down	12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinion; Analyses	10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
9:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	VOA WORLD REPORT
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinions; Analyses	Midnight News
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities; Opinions; Analyses	12:00 News...newsmakers; voices...correspondents reports...background features...media comments...news analyses

BBC

Morning Transmission	4:30 The Pleasure's Your...
8:00 World News	5:15 Report on Religion
9:00 "Twenty-Four Hours News Summary:	6:00 Radio Newsreel
10:00 "Sarah Ward"	6:15 "Outlook"
10:05 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newsbreak	7:09 "Sherlock Holmes"
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	7:45 World Today
10:30 "Sarah Ward"	8:00 World News
10:45 "Something to Show You"	8:30 "Books and Writers"
11:00 World News	8:45 Sports Round-up
11:09 Reflections	9:00 World News
11:15 Piano Style	9:09 News about Britain
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	9:15 Radio Newsreel
12:00 World News	9:30 Farming World
12:09 British Press Review	10:00 Outlook News Summary
12:15 World Today	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:30 Financial News	10:43 Look Ahead
12:40 Look Ahead	10:45 Ulster in Focus
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11:00 World News
13:30 The Pleasure's Yours	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
14:15 Ulster in Focus	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
14:30 Discovery	Midnight Transmission
2:00 World News	12:15 Talkabout
2:09 News about Britain	12:45 Nature
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	Notebook
2:30 Sports International	1:00 World News
3:00 Radio Newsreel	1:09 World Today
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:25 Financial News
3:45 Sports Round-up	1:35 Book Choice
4:00 World News	1:45 Sports Round-up
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	2:00 World News
4:15 The Face of England	2:09 Commentary

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake



FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to April 19) You're in a talkative mood today, brimming over with enthusiasm. Don't be disappointed, though, if others appear indifferent.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't let the hangups of others dampen your good spirits. Strut off combat with one whose unreasonable behavior stems from inner discord.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The success or failure of a romantic outing hinges on how well you handle a financial matter. Don't be blasé at a serious moment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If others don't respond with enthusiasm over a purchase you make today, it could be that they're envious. Avoid brooding.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Sticking to your guns when your ammunition is gone would be an unwise course of action. Socializing may lead to excessive spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Quell inner resentments and don't dwell on past failures. Check legalities before going along with a business proposition.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) No sense in socializing with one who is already on his own juices.

Overextended could bring out inferiority feelings in you.

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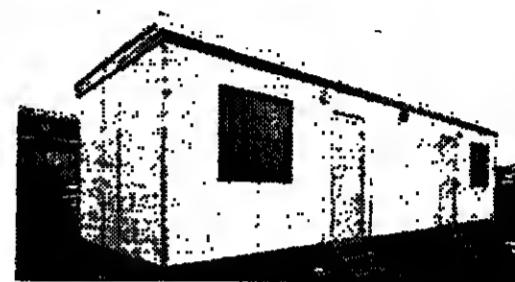
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Late News

Some relief for tangled nation

Oil drivers take pay rise in Britain

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Agencies) — Strike-hit Britain gained some relief Monday when ESSO and Shell truck drivers accepted a new pay deal. But Prime Minister James Callaghan faced a chilly reception on his return from the Caribbean.

In some areas gas pumps dried up, bus services were severely curtailed and schools sent some pupils because there was no heating. Housewives stocked up canned goods in case a stoppage by deliverymen empi-

ed supermarket shelves.

Newspapers put photographs of Callaghan sunning himself on the beaches of Guadeloupe alongside stories of strikes and trade union threats.

With an election due this year, opposition Conservative newspapers attacked the prime minister for being at the Caribbean four-power summit instead of taking personal command at home.

But government ministers were somewhat happier when

tanker drivers of Britain's two largest oil companies, ESSO and Shell, accepted pay rises of about 15 per cent.

Although the rise is three times more than the Labor government's limit, it eased fears that troops would have to be called in to move oil supplies.

There was also increased hope of an end to a truck drivers' strike which has shut many ports and hit deliveries, parti-

cularly in Scotland and north England. Employers and the drivers' union agreed to meet with mediators Tuesday.

Despite a call by Opposition leader Margaret Thatcher for declaration of a state of emergency, there was little prospect of such a move, at least until Callaghan returns home Wednesday.

The prime minister faced an urgent review of government pay policy, which has been reduced to tatters after being rejected by the unions, Parliament and his own Labor party.

On Wednesday many train engineers are staging a one-day strike. Other groups, among them coal miners, dustmen and hospital workers, have huge pay claims in the pipeline.

Farmers in north England and Wales said that unless fodder deliveries resume soon they will have to start slaughtering livestock.

Long lines snaked out Sunday from the few service stations that had gasoline to sell. Profiteers in some areas were reported selling fuel for twice the usual price.

SAVAK denies 'torture house' reported in center of Tehran

TEHRAN, Jan. 8 (R) — Setting up a torture house in the heart of the city and keeping torture instruments in a private house for so long are "illegal," Savak said in rare letter published in the newspapers Monday.

"Assuming it were true that the house was a secret torture center, the state security and Intelligence Organization (Savak) could have promptly closed it down and removed the torture instruments," the letter said.

Savak said the house belonged to a former employee, retired Col. Ali Zibai, who now lives in the United States.

"Communists, their supporters and trouble-makers have created the scene to take revenge on him and against Savak, whose one aim has been to fight communism in Iran," Savak said.

A risky business becoming riskier

World's oceans dotted with puzzling tanker blasts

LONDON, Jan. 8 (R) — Shipping oil across the world has always been a risky business and with just over a week gone since New Year's Eve there have already been three major mishaps.

Strange explosions causing huge fires in each case have resulted in the deaths of over 100 people.

Nearly 50 crew and dock workers died Monday after the 62,776 ton French tanker *Betegueuse* exploded in a ball of flame while unloading its cargo.

A decision on the fate of the

go at Banty Bay Terminal in southwest Ireland.

A spokesman for Gulf Oil, which owns the terminal, said there was no immediate indication of what caused the blast which tore the ship in two as it unloaded its cargo of 120,000 tons of oil, scattering debris and burning oil over a wide area.

Lloyds Shipping Intelligence said about 1.7 billion tons of oil were carried world-wide every year in some 3,500 deep-sea tankers of over 10,000 tons deadweight.

Crippled Greek oil ship still in limbo off Spain

LISBON, Jan. 8 (AP) — Portuguese Navy officials met Monday with owners of the crippled Greek tanker *Andros Patria* to discuss ways of saving the 219,000-ton vessel and its leaking oil cargo.

A decision on the fate of the

tanker, owned by the Greek Seas Transport Corp., could not be made until full details of its situation were known, a Navy spokesman said. He said rough seas in the area ruled out an immediate transfer of the cargo to a second ship.

From page one

Riots

ending the strike has so far been uneven. Opposition and religious leaders have said export will not be resumed until the Shah has left the country.

In Washington, U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said Iran's ability to produce oil probably has been permanently impaired by its domestic crisis and the United States may have to ease domestic environmental restrictions to make up the difference.

Schlesinger conceded, however, that environmental concerns are a sensitive issue within the Carter administration and indicated his view is not shared unanimously.

Schlesinger, in an interview Sunday, repeated earlier assurances that the Iranian crisis will not affect U.S. supplies

for two to three months because of the availability of other sources, including stockpiles.

But when a questioner referred in Iran resuming full production, Schlesinger interrupted:

Egypt

all three parties — the U.S., Israel and Egypt.

The clause in question reads: "Subject to article 103 of the United Nations Charter, in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the parties under the present treaty and any of their other obligations, the obligations under this treaty will be binding and implemented."

The official source said however that the letters would have to be signed the same

"I think we have to recognize now that Iranian production is unlikely ever to return to the pre-crisis level. If we get production back to 5 million, 5 million barrels a day, I think that would be fortunate," he said.

Chamoun

day of the treaty and be part of it.

Khalil's letter to Vance also demanded a rewording of clause four of Article Four of the present draft, the official source said.

The clause reads: "The security arrangements provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article may at the request of either party be reviewed and amended by mutual agreement of the parties."

Egypt has demanded that security arrangements be reviewed after a specific period of time, the source said.

On the exchange of diplomatic relations Egypt would accept implementation of this in stages, the source said. Previously Egypt has insisted on only establishing diplomatic relations after implementation of Palestinian self-rule.

Now Egypt would accept an exchange of low-level diplomats after the completion of the first stage of Israeli withdrawal in Sinai, he said.

panel has drawn up an ambitious five-year, \$7 billion plan for the reconstruction of Lebanon, it was reported Monday.

The Beirut dailies "Al Nahar" and "Al Safir" published details of the reconstruction blueprint, which was drawn up by the government-appointed Reconstruction and Development Council. The cabinet will review the plan Wednesday.

On the drawing board were 18 public sector projects estimated to cost 10 billion Lebanese pounds (\$3.3 billion) and private sector needs were listed at 12 billion pounds (\$4 billion), according to the newspaper.

The reconstruction effort reportedly will be financed by foreign aid, (two-thirds of public sector needs and one-quarter of private sector requirements), private investment and government loans and bond issues.

In another development, British Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Frank Judd, Monday called on Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and told reporters later there was a good deal of goodwill in Britain towards the Lebanese people.

"If they decide to use me, I shall serve. If not, I shall ask for political asylum in China, and if China cannot accommodate me, I will go to France," the 56-year-old prince said at one of the most extraordinary press conferences of his colorful career.

The prince who is to leave Monday to plead his country's case at the United Nations, said government forces had many bases in the country from which to attack.

He also said he had been promised by Chinese Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping

Rebels

that China was determined to support the Pol Pot government with all types of aid to help it regain power.

Sihanouk accused Moscow of being instrumental in planning and launching the war against his country.

The official Soviet press, meanwhile, gave rare front page treatment Monday to the capture of Phnom Penh.

The Communist Party daily "Pravda" reported the fall of the Cambodian capital under the headline "Fall of Phnom Penh" in a prominent position on page one.

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Sheikh Hisham Nazer, the minister of planning, on the current five year plan, it was revealed that the non-petroleum private sector had achieved a 17 per cent growth rate during the third year of the plan. The projected growth rate was 13.4 per cent, according to the minister.

Sheikh Hisham said that the government has been able to control inflation to a large extent during the last three years although this is "not complete yet because it will not be possible without controlling the cost of labor."

He said that some of the bigger projects which had

been awarded and whose execution has started "are already serving the public or will soon do so". These include housing, telephones, desalination hospitals and others, he said.

The council decided to continue discussing reports of the second development plan in the next meeting.

Dr. Yamani said that the council also approved some economic agreements with friendly countries.

As a result of a report submitted by the minister of agriculture, the council decided to offer farmers special incentives to raise the standard of agriculture.

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England back in Test running

Sydney, Jan. 8 (R) — Captain Mike Brearley and Derek Randall led an English resurgence in the fourth Test here Monday after Australia had taken a commanding first innings lead of 142.

By the close of the third day, England was 133 for two, just nine runs behind with Randall 65 not out.

Roddal and Brearley put on 111 for the second wicket after another disastrous start by England. Opener Geoff Boycott was trapped LBW by Rodney Hogg off the first ball of the innings lead of 142.

The two stayed together until 30 minutes before the close when Brearley was bowled by spinner Alan Border for 53. But England, which won the first two Tests easily then lost the third in Melbourne last week, still has a long way to go to be sure of saving the match.

The match resumes on Wednesday after Tuesday's rest day.

India
Bombay, Jan. 8 (AP) — The three-day match between the West Indies and the Board President's XI ended in a draw Monday.

Chinese television showed a color documentary on the 1976 obsequies for Chou which it said the party's radicals suppressed because it showed so many scenes of grief.

Moscow lashes Chinese for 'instigating Nagas'

MOSCOW, Jan. 8 (AP) — The official Soviet news agency Tass Monday accused China of investigating a series of attacks by separatist Naga tribesmen on villages in northeastern India in which at least 49 persons were killed and three villages burned down.

Tass said in a dispatch from New Delhi that the separatist Naga movement "is backed by China, giving all-out aid to it."

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